### OPEN EVERY NIGHT.

We are splendidly ready. Our immense assortment of Holiday Goods are at their best. Stocks are all fresh and new and not one thing that goes to make a perfect Christmas store is missing. Buy your Christmas Presents now—before the rush comes. You have the double advantage of selecting from complete assortments and receiving prompt attention. Thousands and thousands of articles especially suited for gifts here. A variety greater and more complete than ever before.

## This is the Largest and Most Popular Toy Store

Our mammoth Toy Store is now filled to overflowing with beautiful and entertaining Toys of every description. Never before have we shown such large and complete lines. The immensity of the the present lines and the extremely low prices at which they are offered make this

## THE GREATEST TOY STORE IN THE SOUT

Toys at 1c to 5c kinds of Animals that stand up. Christmas Tree Ornaments, Jundreds of Beautifully Illustrated

Christmas Cards-Paint Boxs. piece Dinner Set, including napkin. utomatic Tops.

Automatic Tops.
Hundreds of Horns.
Hron Car. Pony and Driver.
Nursing Bottles.
Finger Rings.
Slate and Penell.
Watch and Chain.
J-plece Washstand Set.
Pin Thermometers.
Tops, Whistles, Looking Glass, Mar-

Kindergarten Beads and Crayons. Toys at 10c Each.

1,000 Christmas Books, Transparent, Drawing Slate, Pancy-Colored Rubber Balls, Nickel-Plated Trumpets, Fancy Bisque Bables, American Embossed Dominoes, Bath Tub, Toys at 15¢ Each.

Assorted Games,
Rackgammon, Game Board,
Fancy Dressed Blsque Bables,
Dolle Ronnets,
Fancy Pin Trumpets,
Red Rubber Bables,
Toys at 25c Each.

Granite Ware Kitchen Sets, 5 pieces, Pawice Sets, Wood Dining-Room Sets, 4 large-size pieces, Fancy Nickel-Plated Trumpets, Fancy Rubber Dolls, Fancy Painted Lead Soldlers, Buys Horse Reins.

lton Toy Engines Hook and Ladder, Autos, etc. Kali-idoscopes, fancy enameled. Nickel-Plated Bell Toys. Toy Iron Scales. Paint Boxes.

Patent Jointed Dolls, with bisque heads, Iron Trains, 3 coaches, engine and Tin Hoops, with chimes and stick to

Toys at 25c Each.

Dolls' Jewery Sets, also Tollet Sets. Dolls' Bisque Heads. Rag Dolls, dressed. Celluloid Bables.

Toys at 50c Each. Pish Pond Game, Soliders on parade, complete sets. Fancy Letter and Picture Blocks, Bagatell, came Boards,

Bagatell Games.
Lotto Games.
Skin-Covered Cows and Horses.
Horses and Wagons.
Soldier Sets.
Boys' Horse Reins.
Clapping Dolls.
Mechanical Toys. Toys at 50c Each.

Modeling Stts.
Wood Extension Tables. Large white enameled Cradles. Red Painted Rocking Chairs. Large 2-wheel Wood Carts. 4-wheel Expres Wagons. Fancy Dressed Dolls, 14 inches long. Patent Jointed Dolls with bisque Patent Jointed Dolls, have bisque

heads, with curly hair, moving eyes, length 21 inches. Fancy Dressed Dolls, with jointed bodies and bisque heads, length 15

Inches.
Oak Sideboards, 16 inches high, also white enameled; beauty set. Wire Beds, fitted with mattress. Red Painted Tables.

White Enameled Bed, with woven spring.

Iron Fire Engine, Hook and Ladder. Mechanical Tin Trains on track.

Mechanical Automobiles. Magic Lanterns, Toy Iron Ranges. Boys' Printing Press.
Boys' Tool Chests,
Fancy Metal Drums,
Toy China Tea Sets,
Skin-Covered Horges, attached to wagons.

Fancy Wood Doll Houses. Fancy Wood Stables. Large Mechanical, Automobiles. Desks. Blackboards.

Blackboards,
Toys at \$1.50 Each.
17-key fancy wood Toy Planos,
Parlor, Bedroom and Dining-room
Furniture Sets.
Fancy Decorated China Tea-Sets,
Fancy Wood Doll Houses,
Fancy Kitchen Stoye,
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Bkin-Covered Horses on wheels,
Loaded Wagon with skin-covered
Horse,
Boys' Soldier Sets,
Fancy Elephants,
Skin-Covered Donkeys,

Skin-Covered Donkeys.
Skin-Covered Cows.
Milk Wagons, with skin-covered horse.
Oak Dresser, with oval mirror.
Toys \$1.75 to \$5.00 Each.

Toys all of the Mechanical Steam Engines.
Brancy Silk Dressed Dolls, very fine quality 22.25
Viola Jointed Dolis—have fine bisque heads with moving eyes. 21.88
Easel Blackboards, with designs for drawing 21.50

Easel Blackboards, made of genuine | Large Drum. slate, with drawing designs, large sizes, same as used in many schools, #2.25, \$2.75, \$8.50 and ... \$3.98
Fancy Painted and Trimmed Swing Horse, at ... \$3.00

Oak Writing Desks, with drop lid and drawer..... \$1,95 Genuine Fancy Reed Rockers, for chil-

dren, very durable.

The following is only a part of the long list of articles found in our store; Hill Climbing Engine and Tender.

Hill'Climbing Engine and Tender,
Automobiles.
Horse and Wagon,
Leather Purses.
Triple Mirrors.
1966 Calendars.
Milk Wagon, with cans,
Imported German' Magic Lanterns,
Music Boxes.
Oak Washstand and Bureau.
Doil's House (large).
Large Stables.
Extension Tables.

Extra Large Felt Horse, Cow and Sheep on rollers. Outfits for Soldiers, Firemen. Police Cozy Corners. Large Trimmed Beds.

Writing Desks, with double black board. Police and Fire Patrol, Ice Wagon.

Dray with barrels. Large Trunks. Tool Chests.

Iron Wagons with all-steel gearing.
Reclining-back Go-Cart with stee gearing.

Large Oak Rockers

# W BIRD HAPPY

Santa Claus's Advance Man Has Reached the City.

Singing to beat the band; A jay bird new up beside him ther

And said: "Mister, show me your hand! What makes you so happy and gay With this snow all over the land?"

'I can answer you qu'ck," with a wink "There's nothing can equal old Santa

And with snow and snow birds and Christmas hovers over the land.

Broad Street yesterday afternoon, with its fine window diplays, its people with bundles under their arms, and its general

week when all the stores in the upper and lower shopping districts will keep their doors open late for the shopper and the Christmas-giver.

Nover before lave the shops pull on store lave they been filled with such attractive scenery, and never be-fore lave they been filled with such attractive and varied assortments of goods calculated to make people happy in the giving or receiving thereof. The markets lave not yet put on their coats of ereen. Cedar, lwy and mistetoe

yesterdáy, clared that the scene next Saturday night would be shifted, and that siready there

## CHRISTMAS TRAGLE'S

Our Christmas line is very complete. We have presents for every one. This year we have a full and complete line of fancy package Perfumes, handsome and exquisite. Brushes of all kinds, Water Bottles, Soap and Powder Boxes, Razors, Razor Strops, Shaving Brushes and lots of elegant Tollet Preparations. Any of these make most acceptable Christmas presents. Come and buy from us, We can save you money, save you money,

#### TRAGLE'S Cut-Rate Drug Stores,

817 East Broad Street, 21 West Broad Street.

### BRIGHT HIGH SCHOOL BOYS AS THESPIANS.



On September 13th last, the members dy-Edward N. Ezeklel.

of the High School Lilerary Association

con Rowsett appeared at the Casino in a play entitled "T'riss," or "Beyond the Rockies."

tled "Triss," or "Beyond the Rockles" and so enthusiastle were the congratuations, which were showered upon them, that they have been persuaded to repeat their performance.

This time the play will be given for the benefit of the Reireat for the Sick.

The voung gentlemen are hard at work rehearsing and are confident that the public will be pleased with their efforts. Hank Jordan, a '49or-James Avery.

Nat Webey, Juvenille-Werren Politiaux, Jack Hamlin, heavy-Alvin Hutzler, Judge Ananias Loyetoddy, first come-

had been a great demand for evergreens. Flowers will be another important factor this year. The florists are laying great stores by the prospective demand for roses, violets and other flowers, and look for big business in that direction.

The toy stores already show wonderful activity, and the novelty of the many new devices to tickle the youthful fancy are commented upon.

The snow did, not interfere with shopping, but later in the evening the crowd of promenders dwindled, and by 10 o'clock the procession on Broad Street assumed its normal state.

con Rowlett. Zenus Grimes, character-Ralph Lud-

Mrs. Robic-Merton Rosenbaum, Miss Penclopa Crim-Merton Rosen

baum, Triss, the angel of Blue Canyon-Henry Staples. The following is a brief sketch of the

The following is a first seaten of the play:

Nat Weber falls beir to a tract of land, and Mrs. Robie are all splendid and benedictive and freewords finds that it is a perfect ining of gold.

Jack Hamlin and Zenas Grimes conspire to rob him of it

Zenas loses confidence in Jack and directory formances ever given in Richmond.

"blows" on him. Jack, hearing this, mur

"blowe" on him. Jack. hearing this nurders Zenss, and neatly turns the blame
on Nat, who is tried for the murder.
The last act shows a fashlonable Eastern bearding school, where Tries has
been sent to complete her education. Jack
Hamila is disguised as a professor in
the school, but is recognized by Tries.
Judge Ananias Lovetoddy and Halleiudah Bill, the two comedians, keep the audlence in a continual state of merriment.
Hauk Jordan, Miss, Prim, Susie Smith
and Mrs. Robis are all splendid and beyond criticism.

FIELD'S MINSTRELS PLAY FOR THE ELKS

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Winter Wheat.

(By Asnoclated Fress.)

WASHINCTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—The roop report of the Defurment of Agriculture shows the condition of winter wheat to be \$2.8, acceage \$1,155,000, a decrease of 1.5 per cent.

The funds derived from the selection of which is to be used in providing Christmas dinners for the fundine, while the measurement of the boxes were occupied.

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LONDON, Dec. 10.—The twenty-nith the season and a half miles. Churchelle of the performance of the boxes were occupied.

ment of yesterday are to be used by the Elks for the purchase of a plot in Hollywood, in which are to be buried such members of the order whose funeral expenses otherwise would have to be borne by the city. The Elks of Blokmond were determined that none of their members should rest in potters' field.

Mr. Field, while here, contributed one hundred dollars to a finid which is to be used in providing Christmas dinners for the families of the needy.

Moan of an Old Racegoer Over the Great Turf King's

You would have to put \$20 up to win a single spondully on Luke Blackburn in

"Because Luke Blackburn arrived at an epochal time, American racing was about to change from a limited, semi-aristocratic sport to a period of meetings supported so liberally by the public as to entirely change the great game. As owners the rules of the Northern turf were Pierre and George Lorillard, August Belmont, D. D. Withers, and men of that stamp, and their most active rivals were from the South.

"The exceptions were the Dwyer brothers, who had become a power to be reck-

#### SPECIAL REDUCED RATES

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Reduced rates will be put in offect via
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account of Christmas holidays, For Students.

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City Ticket Agent.

H. S. LEARD.

District Passenger Agent, 830 East Main Street; 'Phone, 405 Bears the The Kind You Have Always Bought Biguature Charffell Land oned with and were the first to show the American public that men of grit, even if of comparatively limited means, could hold up their end with the million-aires. Practically, they had but two horses, Rhadamanthus and Warfield, and

aires. Practically, they had but two horses. Rhadamanthus and Warfield, and so they could only fly at overnight events and selling races.

"They needed a stake horse, and they got one in Luke Blackburn. An indifferent two-pear-old, and owned by the forgotten firm of S. Watzfelder & Co., the colt's first great showing," continued the cold timer, "was to win the ocean Stakes at the inaugural meeting of the Coney Island Jookey Club, held at the old Brighton Beach Fair Grounds, in the fall of 1879. Quito, owned by the Dwyers, ran second, and they forthwith purchased Luke Blackburn.

"The colt carried the red and blue for them in the Phoenix Hotel Stakes the next spring at Lexington, with Jinmie McLaughlin up, and was third to the favorite, Fonso, and Kinkead, Quito and Warfield carried the Dwyers along through that meeting and Louisville, for they were playing a waiting game, with Luke Blackburn the end up the sleeve.
"It was a reaping of the harvest at the Jerome Park spring meeting, where he won four purse races. In the first Chuckmate was a 3 to 1 favorite, and it was 6 to 1 against Blackburn, who won by three lengths; in the next Checkmate was at 11 to 10 on, and threes could be had against Blackburn, who won by four lengths. The Dwyers had always to give the odds after that on Blackburn, but

lengths. The Dwyers had always to give the odds after that on Blackburn, but what a killing they must have made on the first two wins!

"Luke Blackburn was a stake horse after that, and he broke the hearts of the old guard of turf artstocrats. In twenty-four starts Luke Blackburn was

the old guard of turf aristocrats. In twenty-four starts Luke Blackburn was first twenty-two times and third once, winning \$16.775. I have told of the time the colt was third in the Phoenix Hotel Stakes. The other defeat was at the Coney Island Jockey Club spring meeting, in a purse race at a mile and a quarter, in which Blackburn/sold in the pools at \$450, to \$125 on Pierre Lorillard's Duke of Montrose and \$70 on the field. Blackburn fell and Duke of Montrose won by fifty yards,

"At Suratoga the Dwyers had their revenge by winning a \$4,000 sweepstakes from Duke of Montrose and George Lorillard's Grenada. Then the Dwyers bought Hindoo as a two-year-old from Dan Swigert, and in succeeding years they cut a wide swath with Goorge Kinney, Miss Woodford and all the rest, Jimmle Rowe doing the training and McLaughlin the riding.

"Lake Hackburn only started living as

doing the training and McLaughlin the riding.

"Luke Blackburn only started twice as a four-year-old, winning at Jerome Parkt and breaking down in his race for the Coney Island Cup won by Glemmore, in the stud the old horse sired the Futurity Winner Proctor Knott and the Chicago Derby winner Uncle Bob, but never another Luke Blackburn. His fame as a racelorse—his 2:34 for a mile and a half was not surpassed for many years—deserves a monument when he dies, and I hope Luke Blackburn is happy in his old age at his new home in Tennessee, even if he only brought \$20."

A Fine Old English Joke.

They were in a magnificently decorated room in the west end of London. They approached each other from opposite directions. One of them was as pale as a ghost, the other blushing red as a cherry. Presently they met, and, careless of the fact that dozens of eyes were watching then, they klased each other. The meeting seemed to bring them perfect peace, but alas, alack! They had scarcely been side by side about twenty seconds when a man approached with the fire of battle in his eye. With cool insolence he raised the stick he carried, and then—oh horrord—he struck a sharp quick blow, and the pale offer was sent spinning several fest away. The other neither scramed nor fainted. There was no heart-breaking, he recontinent, not even a murmus A Fine Old English Joke.

#### Bryan Saw It.

that smoking is not allowed in this room." "Well," replied Mr. Bryan, "I suppose that rule is not always strictly enforced." "Oh, no, str; neither is the one alongside of it," said the man with a grin. "The orator glanced at it and read. "Employes of this railway are not permitted to accept tips."

Mr. Bryan finished his cigar undisturbed.

when treated as soon as it has been con-tracted and before it has become settled in the system. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of coids and it should be kept at hand reasy for instant use. For sale by all aruggists.

#### CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Chart Helither.

CONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC,
Now that the rush of holidays is approaching it is suggested that patrons of
the Southern Railway, as far as is convenient for them to do so, purchase their
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Main Street, or 819 East Main Street,
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Bears the Signature Cart Hillitaker. Sought